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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC - ILLICIT PAYMENTS

REF: (A) KINGSTON 5760, (B) STATE 184443

1. MY LETTER IS IN JAMAICA HOUSE AWAITING RETURN OF
PRIME MINISTER MANLEY, EXPECTED ABOUT 3 PM TODAY. PM'S
PERMSEC GORDON WELLS, WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE COOPER
DISCUSSIONS HERE, HAS PROMISED TO GIVE HIM THE LETTER
AND DISCUSS IT WITH HIM THE MOMENT HE WALKS INTO THE
OFFICE. HE ALSO PROMISED TO POINT OUT THE URGENCY OF THE
MATTER AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S PERSONAL INTEREST.

2. WELLS SAID HE DOUBTED THE PM WOULD WANT TO ISSUE
THE INSTRUCTIONS WITHOUT CONSULTING HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY.
HE ALSO REMARKED THAT THE G-77 FEELS STRONGLY THAT THE
USG WOULD DRAG ITS FEET ON THE OVERALL CODE OF CONDUCT
IF A PIECEMEAL APPROACH WAS TAKEN. I RESPONDED
THAT OTHER ISSUES IN THE CODE OF CONDUCT DO NOT HAVE THE
KIND OF SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENT THAT ILLICIT PAYMENTS
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SEEMS TO HAVE AND THAT THE G-77 SUPPOSITION OF FEET-
DRAGGING WAS AN UNFAIR AND UNSUBSTANTIATED ACCUSATION
AGAINST THE USG. I ALSO REMARKED THAT AGREEING TO A
RESOLUTION TO CALL A CONFERENCE ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS
DOES NOT IN ANY MANNER PREJUDICE SUBSEQUENT ACTION ON
CODE OF CONDUCT. AS COOPER DID IN HIS MEETINGS, I CITED
THE LAW OF THE SEA AS THE EXAMPLE OF HOW NOT TO ACCOMPLISH

OBJECTIVES THAT THE LDCS CLAIM ARE IMPORTANT TO THEM TOO.

3. WELLS SAID HE WILL TRY TO CONVINCE THE PM TO GO ALONG WITH OUR REQUEST.

4. FYI, FONMIN PATTERSON IS PRESENTLY IN BRUSSELS AND LEAVES FOR BELGRADE TOMORROW OR SUNDAY. IT IS MY PERSONAL OPINION THAT OUR BEST CHANCE OF GETTING THE PM TO HONOR OUR REQUEST IS FOR HIM TO ACT ON IT WITHOUT ADVICE FROM PATTERSON. AS WAS EVIDENCED IN THE COOPER MEETINGS REGARDING THE ENERGY ISSUE, PATTERSON TENDS TO BE A PROPONENT OF THE "HOSTAGE" THEORY.
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